

been cancelled. Thank you ladies and gentlemen for your excellent cooperation. Your President, Board of Directors and I had to have this splendid cooperation or it would not have been possible to accomplish the many things we have so successfully completed this past year.....Billie S. Calais, Executive Sec.

Our thanks to Mrs. L. B. Blackstone, Mrs. F. A. Huwieler and Marguerite Palmer, Press Garden Editor of the Houston (Texas) Press. I quote Mrs. Palmer, "For four years, Mrs. F. A. Huwieler has stood at the helm directing the National Judges and the Junior Judges of the Houston Council". Thank you, Mrs. Huwieler, for your wonderful interest in Hibiscus. I received information from Mrs. Blackstone that one of your awards given at a recent meeting was a membership in the American Hibiscus Society, also an Hibiscus Plant "Crown of Bohemia" was given as a door prize. For your information one of our leading nurserymen, Mr. Ed Brown of Goochland Nurseries, Pembroke, Florida, will be in Houston the latter part of this month and will contact you.

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TROPICAL HIBISCUS CHAPTER

The Tropical Hibiscus Chapter of the American Hibiscus Society was organized July 6, 1956, with seventeen members.

Entertainment for our meetings, which followed a covered dish supper, has consisted of

the showing of colored slides, judging school classes, lectures on grafting, hybridizing and air-layering and information on the proper use of insecticides. There have also been discussions on "Operation Seed Bank" and a public Exhibition of Blooms. We now have a total of thirty members.
.....Mrs. J. E. Biernesser, Sec.

MANDARIN CHAPTER

The Mandarin Chapter has held a meeting on the first Tuesday, every other month, since its organization in November 1956. We now have 20 members and an average attendance of 15. At each meeting we have had a speaker and there has been a general exchange of ideas, with all members participating.

Our first Hibiscus Show is scheduled for October 6th, and we hope to have a show that will compare favorably with any show given in the State. Please plan to be there.
.....Dot Landiss, Delegate.

MID-FLORIDA CHAPTER

The Mid-Florida Chapter has shown a continued and steady growth throughout the past year, reaching a total of 76 members as the fiscal year comes to a close. It has seemed also to grow steadily in recognition in the community as a source of help to the general public interested in the growing of hibiscus.

The following statements give a brief and pointed summary of the highlights of the year's activities: